

Appl. No. 10/507,046
Response Dated September 6, 2006
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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were pending in the present application.

In the Office Communication mailed August 7, 2006, the Examiner asserted that:

"[t]his application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted."

I. Claims 1-11, drawn to an anti-idiotypic antibody that reacts with an anti-idiotypic antibody which represents an internal image of the antigen CA125.

II. Claim 12, drawn to use of the antibody of group 1 for tumor treatment and/or prophylaxis.

Applicants through their attorney on the record and identified below appreciate very much the Examiner's preliminary review of the instant application.

In response and without acquiescing in the propriety of the Examiner's assertions, as set forth above, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the claims of Group I, claims 1-11, for prosecution in the instant application.

Additionally, claim 12 has been withdrawn in response to the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants believe the subject matter defined by the withdrawn claim is patentable and hence reserve every right in withdrawn claim 12 to file divisional and/or continuation applications.

Examination on the merits is therefore respectfully requested and this Application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

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If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Response or the Application in general, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 404-495-3678.

Respectfully submitted,
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